



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 6%

For the week ending Sept 27, 2003, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grow houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 5.7% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) increased 2.0% from the comparable week in 2002. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.1 million, a decrease of 3.0% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.2 million for the week ending Sept 20, 2003 compared to 11.6 million slaughtered during the same week in 2002.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
08/02/03	14,703	14,501	11,760	11,734	11,798	11,734
08/09/03	14,668	14,426	11,890	11,971	11,760	11,971
08/16/03	14,589	14,346	11,970	11,918	11,890	11,918
08/23/03	14,430	14,611	12,131	11,908	11,970	11,910
08/30/03	14,572	14,263	12,071	11,784	12,132	11,785
09/06/03	13,536	13,809	12,017	11,788	12,071	11,791
09/13/03	13,395	12,900	11,891	11,934	12,017	11,935
09/20/03	12,512	12,409	11,990	11,755	11,891	11,759
09/27/03	13,453	13,052	11,082	11,302	11,990	11,302

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
	10/04/03			
New York Weighted Avg	58.95	61.68	57.64	49.55
12-City Composite 2/	63.23	64.59	63.31	54.83